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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ms. Nina Bell, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Bell:

Thank you for your February 11, 2015, letter expressing the Northwest Environmental Advocates' concerns about Oregon's current plan on developing riparian logging rules. These rules may become part of Oregon's efforts to address the remaining conditions of its Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will continue to be engaged with Oregon Department of Forestry and the Governor's Office on these rules, as well as the other remaining conditions needed to address the additional management measures for forestry.

Working with Oregon to achieve full approval of its Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program is a priority for NOAA and EPA. Both agencies will continue to work closely with Oregon to address the deficiencies of its Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

Sincerely,

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